
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

OUTREACH TO ARAB LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER (LGBT) COMMUNITIES

The U.S. Embassy is offering a one-time grant to advance the human rights of Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) persons in Arab communities in Israel. The grant aims to increase the capacity of a civil society group to conduct advocacy, as well as monitor and document anti-gay violence targeting LGBT persons living in predominantly Arab communities.

GOALS

Within one year of receiving the grant, the grantee should demonstrate an increase in the number and effectiveness of advocacy and monitoring activities in Arab communities. The aim is to reduce the stigma of LGBT in those communities and to improve the Arab LGBT community's understanding of their rights in Israel. The grantee need not change its current policy but it should be able to demonstrate it was able to increase awareness and understanding of resources available to Arab LGBT and strengthen its ability to document and analyze anti-gay violence targeting Arab LGBT.

The grantee should look to innovative uses of technology appropriate for Arab communities to engage LGBT persons and enable them to network with one another, share experiences and information, and develop their capacity for grassroots organization. The grantee should provide opportunities for Arab LGBT to meet and discuss issues and produce ideas to help the LGBT community living in Arab communities.

Envisioned projects should be designed with the end goal of providing new resources to Arab LGBT and empowering them to utilize resources available inside and outside of the community.

The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv expects to visit the grantee prior to the start of the project to establish specific baselines and targets. The grantee agrees to provide, at a minimum, monthly updates on expenditures, progress, and milestones reached.

RESOURCES

The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv will monitor the grant. No resources aside from the grant itself would be available from the Embassy.

BUDGET RESTRICTIONS

- The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv will not fund for-profit projects.
- The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv will not fund participation in fundraising.
- The budget must include category-level details. For example, if the project costs include printing reading materials to promote the project, the budget must show the cost per unit (e.g., 25 flyers at \$10 each = \$250).

APPLICATION CONTENT

- Brief description of the organization's current programs for Arab LGBT
- Summary of the project request, including goals, activities, and timeline
- Project budget with category-level details

SUBMISSION PROCESS

The closing date for the application is September 24, 2012. We plan to notify the grantee by October 10, 2012. We're looking for competitive bids that should not exceed \$25,000. For application submission and further information, please contact Jill Barwig at barwigjy@state.gov.